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SUBJECT: CASE OF STUART ANGEL JONES

1.BACKGROUND: STUART EDGAR ANGEL JONES, A 26-YEAR OLD BRAZILIAN CITIZEN, DISAPPEARED WHILE LIVING IN RIO DE JANEIRO IN MAY 1971. THE FATHER IS AMCIT NORMAN ANGEL JONES. THE MOTHER IS ZULEIKA ANGEL JONES, A BRAZILIAN CITIZEN. THE PARENTS ARE SEPARATED AND BOTH ARE LIVING IN BRAZIL. OTHER US CITIZEN RELATIVES RESIDE IN THE U.S. MRS. ANGEL JONES HAS MADE A NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS TO GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT HER SON THROUGH TALKS WITH HIGH LEVEL GOB OFFICIALS AND, MOST RECENTLY BY SENDING A LETTER TO PRESIDENT GEISEL. OFFICIAL RESPONSES TO DATE (NO ANSWER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PRESIDENT) MAINTAIN THAT STUART ANGEL JONES WAS NEVER ARRESTED AND THAT HE HAS VANISHED. HOWEVER, MRS. ANGEL JONES HAS
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RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A NUMBER OF BRAZILIAN SOURCES THAT HER SON WAS ARRESTED, TORTURED AND MURDERED BY AIR FORCE SECURITY PERSONNEL. DEPARTMENT FILES INDICATE EMBASSY CONSULAR INQUIRIES IN 1971 PRODUCED ONE REPORT OF ARREST AND

SUBSEQUENT "ESCAPE" OF INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ANGEL JONES.

2. ON JULY 2, MRS. ANGEL JONES, HER DAUGHTER AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM'S OFFICE MET WITH ARA

DESK AND HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICERS TO DISCUSS THE CASE. EXPLAINING THAT SHE WAS AVOIDING STIRRING UP PUBLICITY AT THIS TIME, MRS. ANGEL JONES REQUESTED THE USG TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOB IN SUPPORT OF HER ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING: (1) A FORMAL GOB CONFIRMATION OF HER SON'S DEATH AND ADMISSION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES; (2) RETURN OF THE BODY, IF POSSIBLE; (3) JUST PUNISHMENT FOR HER SON'S TORTURERS. SHE WAS TOLD THAT, WHILE THE GROUNDS AND PROCEDURES FOR REPRESENTATION TO GOB ARE MUCH LESS CLEARLY DEFINED IN CASE OF BRAZILIAN CITIZEN THAN IN CASE OF AN AMCIT, WE WOULD, IN VIEW OF THE INTEREST OF US CITIZEN RELATIVES, TRY TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. WE EXPLAINED THAT AS A FIRST STEP WE WOULD CONSULT WITH THE EMBASSY.

3. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS TAKEN AN INTEREST IN THIS CASE AND HAS ALREADY APPEALED TO SENATOR SPARKMAN, CONGRESSMAN FRASER AND A NUMBER OF OTHER SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN FOR THEIR SUPPORT, WITH THE INTENTION OF BRINGING INTERNATIONAL AND USG PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE GOB TO CEASE THE CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE AMCIT RELATIVES IN THE US REPORTEDLY HAVE ALSO DIRECTED INQUIRIES ABOUT STUART ANGEL JONES TO SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AGAINST BRAZIL PARALLEL TO THAT TAKEN AGAINST CHILE WAS MENTIONED DURING THE JULY 2 MEETING BY THE BINGHAM STAFF AIDE AS ONE POSSIBLE MEANS FOR EXERTING SUCH PRESSURE. THE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES FORMAL CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES CONCERNING ANGEL JONES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE CASE MAY VERY WELL CAUSE RENEWED FOCUS OF CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN ON THE BROAD-ER HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION WITH RESPECT TO BRAZIL.
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4. WE ARE POUCHING AVAILABLE MATERIAL, INCLUDING A LETTER TO SENATOR SPARKMAN FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AS WELL AS THE TESTIMONY (TO BE MAINTAINED IN CONFIDENCE AT THE REQUEST OF MRS. JONES) OF A PRISONER, ALEX POLARI DE ALVERGA, WHO CLAIMS TO BE AN EYEWITNESS TO ANGEL JONES' TORTURE AND DEATH. MRS. ANGEL JONES AND THE CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT TO VERIFY TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE SPECIFIC DETAILS DESCRIBED IN THESE TWO DOCUMENTS.

5. DEPARTMENT REALIZES THE DIFFICULTIES PRESENT IN THIS CASE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EARLIEST COMMENTS AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING STUART

ANGEL JONES WHICH MAY HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE SINCE LATE
1971- EARLY 1972. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES SERIOUS
OBJECTION,IT IS REQUESTED THAT AN INQUIRY BE MADE (NOTING
AMCIT STATUS OF FATHER AND OTHER RELATIVES) IN AN EFFORT
TO OBTAIN COMMENT AND INFORMATION. AT SAME TIME, GOB

SHOULD BE INFORMED OF RAPIDLY GROWING CONGRESSIONAL
INTEREST AND PROBABILITY OF STRONG HILL REACTION ON
THIS CASE. KISSINGER

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